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Portneuf River Water Users District #29
Water Users Meeting Held at Lava Community Building
March 4, 2013

Advisory Board Members present: Craig Crandall (President), Byron Allen, Jim Andrus, Randy Morris, and Tom Barnes. Darrell Christensen filling in for Wayne Avery (Sec.

Craig Crandall called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and welcomed all those attending and introduced himself and the other board members and excused Wayne Avery as secretary from attendance because of a work emergency and told the group that Darrell Christensen would be filling in as secretary for the day. He asked those attending to please sign the roll that would be passed around during the meeting with their names and what organization they represented or the stream their water rights were on.

The minutes of annual meeting held March 5, were read and Craig Crandall asked if any correction to the minutes were needed. None were made and Randy Morris moved that the minutes be accepted as read with Steve Gravis 2nd the motion. No discussion, and it passed with unanimous voice vote. The financial statement copies were then handed out and Darrell Christensen then read through the statement, pointing out Wayne's corrections on the Recording Fee line from \$0 to \$38 and the PO Box Rental from \$40 to \$0 for a difference of \$2 to be subtracted from the **Total Expenses** changing that total from \$39,039.32 to \$39,091.32. That correction also made changed the **Ending Balance** line from \$8,579.40 to \$8,581.40. There was also a correction to the **Total Outstanding** from \$643.00 to \$683.00. Steve Gravis made motion to accept the Financial Statement for the 2012 season as corrected and was 2nded by Darwin Josephson. No additional corrections or comments were made and it was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Craig Crandall proposed that Randy Morris, Jim Andrus, and Byron Allen serve as Credential Committee if needed. It was so moved by Tom Barnes and 2nded by Byron Allen and without further discussion was passed unanimously by voice vote. Craig proposed that the water used for the 2011 irrigation season would be the basis for the water share vote if needed. It was so moved by Tom Barnes and 2nded by Jim Andrus and with a brief explanation of what was meant by the proposal it was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Craig Crandall then presented the Proposed Budget for the 2013 season recommending a total budget of \$40,000 with \$38,000 being assessed to the water users and \$2000 being used from the carry over remaining balance of \$8581.40. He told the group of the recommended increase to the water masters expenses from \$9000.00 to \$10,000. The remainder of the budget would remain the same as proposed for the 2012 fiscal year. Ralph Killinger made the motion to accept the budget as presented and it was 2nded by Steve Gravis. A concern was expressed about the reduction to the carry over remaining balance. Craig Crandall pointed out that by using some of the carryover balance that the assessed amount could be kept down. Darwin Josephson referred to the past year's financial statement and observed that at the current level of assessments and expenses that there wouldn't be that much change in the Ending Balance carryover. Any payment of delinquent assessments would also keep that Ending Balance up. Without further comment a vote was taken on the Proposed Budget and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Craig Crandall and the advisory board recommended that Steve Hebdon be retained as water master for 2013, 2014 water years and elected for 2015 and that his wife, Linda Hebdon, function as assistant water master without any additional compensation for the 2013 water year if needed. Jim Andrus made the motion and Tom Barnes 2nded and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Craig Crandall proposed the boards recommendation that water assessments be rounded to the

nearest dollar and that District #29 not use the credit and debit system of billing. Randy Morris made the motion which was 2nded by Jim Andrus. Darwin Josephson had a question about what the 'credit and debit' entailed and Craig Crandall responded with a brief explanation of the differences between the two systems of billing. With no further discussion, it was voted on and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The proposal to continue using resolution B for collection of assessment funds using 2012 water delivery figures for the 2013 billings was made by Craig Crandall. The motion was made by Steve Hebdon and 2nded by Darwin Josephson. Without any discussion, it passed by unanimous voice vote.

The election of the Portneuf River District #29 River Advisory Board was the next topic for consideration. Craig Crandall proposed that the board remain the same as presently constituted. Darwin Josephson made the motion which was 2nded by Steve Hebdon and passed by unanimous voice vote.

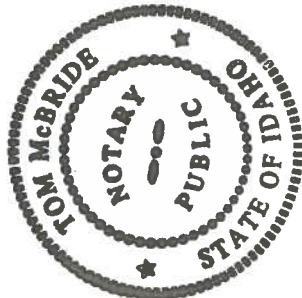
Jim Andrus asked if Earl Smith would report on the most recent snowpack and water content conditions. Earl said that Upper Pebble had 27.4" of snow with a water content of 6.4" which was 57% of 2012 and 44% of 2011. The Lower Pebble measurement was 6.9" of water content was 67% of 2012 and 53% of 2011. The Dempsey Creek drainage had improved because of recent storms that had more moisture in the south than the north. The east fork of Dempsey Creek has 8.3" of water content and that is 73% of 2012 and 73% if 2011. The overall comparison is 2013 is 65% of 2012 and 57% of 2013. Earl summarized by stating that 2011 had been one of the best water years followed by a lower water year for 2012 and a still lower water year for 2013 making the outlook for this irrigation season a tough one. Craig Crandall asked about the Chesterfield reservoir and Tom Barnes said that as the first week of February it was at 30% of capacity. 24 Mile reservoir is still filling which is not good for this time of year.

Craig Crandall asked if there was anyone representing the Idaho Department of Water Resources with no response. Motion to adjourn was made by Ralph Killinger and 2nded by Byron Allen and passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM.

Wynne Avery

Jim Andrus

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 5th day of May, 2013.



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